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Mr. Gary M. Roberts
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Thank you for your letter of April 5, 2002, requesting that the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment present all statin drugs as a class of related compounds to the Carcinogen Identification Committee (CIC) for listing consideration. Consistent with the "Procedure for Prioritizing Candidate Chemicals for Consideration under Proposition 65 by the 'States Qualified Experts,'" I consulted with Dr. Thomas Mack, CIC Chair about your request. Dr. Mack agreed that there was merit to your request and, therefore, the issue of whether or not the statin drugs should be grouped as a class will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the December 2002 CIC meeting.

Thank you again for your comments and participation in this process.

Sincerely,

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Director

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